

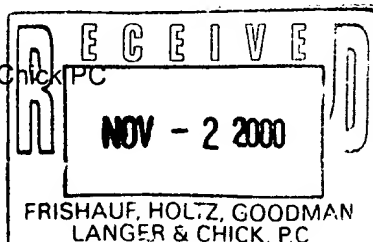


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Responsive to the Patent Office Notice mailed October 30, 2000, the term for response to which expires on December 30, submitted herewith is a Declaration executed by the inventors and attached to a complete set of application papers.

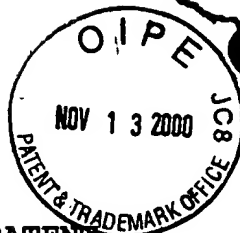
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It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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